

# Growing Selfless

A short story by Haedyn K.

Hello! I'm the narrator of this story. I would like to introduce you to Katelin White. You see I'm Katelins' best friend, Ariana. I watched this story unfold to its happy ending. So lets get in to the story. Katelins life was so perfect, well until her dad came home early from work with a big surprise! "Katelin, Rebeca(his wife) i've got great news! What is it daddy? We are moving to New York City! What, I...I. Our life is perfect here. We don't need to move! I will not leave!!!!" Oh, hi. Me again, the narrator... Ariana, Anyway, Katelin was a very spoiled girl. This brought a not so great attitude, we will say that. "Daddy, I'm not leaving my life here in California to move to some city. Not to mention the rats, ugh!" Well they moved anyway and Katelin switched schools and lives! She is about to see how hard life is when your attitude is not so great. "well this is our new house. This is a house? It looks more like a shack or a dog house. Now Katelin we are lucky to have a house some kids don't have a house. Oh, speaking of kids we need to register you for school. Do you like art or theatre more? Uh, theatre. Maybe I can act like I have a good life. Also put me in all Pre-AP classes. I want to be smarter than everyone and rub it in their on-level faces."

Well, her parents signed her up in all Pre-AP in hopes to have Katelin learn her lesson. I mean wouldn't you learn your lesson, yeah anyway, they did not stop there. They had other great plans! "Katelin, we signed you up for extra tutoring after school so you will be EXTRA smart and took you out of recess time for more studying. I'm so proud, Katelin." she was speechless. I mean what would you say? Well the first day of school came and well... you'll... you'll see. "Students we have a new student in class. This is Katelin whit. WHITE! It's white, like the color, duh! Oh I'm sorry. Go ahead and sit in the empty seat in the back. The back? WHAT?! Oh that's right you're new. Go ahead and sit in the front next to Leah. That's better. Hey Eah, got a pen? Uh, no sorry. Then what are you writing with? hmmm? Uh, my pen. you just said you don't have a pen. well I need to write as well so... ugh, selfish!" and this is just 1st period. YIKES! Remember the whole Pre-AP thing? Yeah well she is in 5th grade so... yeah. "Ok kids, pull out your math books we are going to review inequalities and exponents. Uhh what? It's ok if you don't totally remember. Lets help you refresh. what is the prime factorization of 720?" Well the end of the day came and Katelin was a bomb ready to blow. "Hey Katelin. How was school? Horrible! What is an exponent mom? WHAT IS IT!!!!!!"

Well a few months past. Katelin was starting to wonder why she had no friends. Keep in mind that she has not met me yet. But one night she tried to change that! "Mom, why don't I have any friends? No one lends me a pencil or helps me in math or talks to me at lunch. Well Katelin, Maybe you need to be more approachable. Give kindness to others and you will get kindness back. Oh so like take their pencil and don't break it. Well not quite like that. Like they get a question and you could say good job and they might give you a pencil or thank you. Ohhhh that makes sense. Ok tell you what. Every time you do an act of kindness tell me and you will receive a quarter. If you do 4 things every day, well that's 1 dollar every day."

Well she went to school with high hopes and came back with something way more valuable than money. "Mom! mom! I made a friend! Her name is Ariana!" THATS ME!!! oh sorry continue... "She is so nice and smart! We took a picture at lunch. See? Wow, Katelin! That's worth 12 quarters! 12! What do you mean only twel... I mean thank you so much.

Soon enough the end of the school year came! And Katelin's grades were incredible. Did I mention she stayed in Pre-AP all year! Yeah that's my girl! "Mom, Dad. We need to talk. I know I've been a brat for a while. I have tried to stop that and I think I changed that. I tried the unknown and made a great friend and if your not proud I understand, but I want you to know I love you anyway. Oh, Katelin. We will always love you. We are super proud of you. If we could we would give you the world! And beyond!

Well they stayed in the same house over the summer. It was a good routine. "Bye mom. I'm going to Ariana's house, to go trick-or-treating! Ok have fun, Katelin!" But then something different happened. It caused a ripple in the routine! "Hey mom, what are these red bumps and spots on my face?"

**OH NO!!**

**THE END!;) )**



**Katelin and Ariana, Halloween!**  
**Ariana is Dorothy and Katelin a 1920s flapper!**